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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED REFTEL ONLY LATE AUGUST 14 DUE TO
MASSIVE POWER CUTS IN DUBLIN RESULTING FROM TRADE UNION
DISPUTE. WE PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE MORNING AUGUST 15 TO
MFA COUNSELOR (FOR UN AFFAIRS) JEREMY CRAIG, MOST SENIOR
OFFICIAL AVAILABLE DURING THIS VACATION PERIOD.

2. CRAIG SAID GOI VIEWS ON ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE COINCIDE
WITH OURS. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT, HOWEVER, THAT USG
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WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT CONFERENCE TO ADVANCE COMMON CAUSE;
DUTCH HAD HAD SIMILAR QUALMS BUT WERE PERSUADED BY EC
PARTNERS TO PARTICIPATE. CRAIG SAID IRELAND AND THE OTHER
EC COUNTRIES WILL OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO REAFFIRM EQUATION
OF ZIONISM WITH RACISM. THE IRISH HAVE MADE THEIR VIEWS
KNOWN TO AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS AND BELIEVE AFRICANS ARE
ANXIOUS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. CRAIG NOTED THAT ANNOUNCE-

MENT OF CAMP DAVID MEETING ON MIDDLE EAST SHOULD ENCOURAGE
ARAB MODERATES AND IMPROVE PROSPECTS FOR ACCEPTABLE OUT-
COME AT GENEVA. ALTHOUGH CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER,
HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CONFRONTATION ON ISSUE MAY WELL COME.
IF SO, EC COUNTRIES HAVE REMINDED OTHERS OF THEIR VIEWS AND
THEIR HOPE THAT THE EC WILL NOT BE FORCED TO WALK OUT.
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